



Dimock Daily Report: January 26, 2012
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FIELD ACTIVITY

Well Sampling

- Clarification about the issue regarding analyses of the glycols at different labs: no effect on turnaround time is expected.
- The home where yesterday's report indicated that the well that ran silty during purging has recovered and the residents have been able to use their well today. Cabot's treatment system subcontractor indicated that it is not unusual for wells in this area to become stressed easily and display silt problems.
- The large number of sample containers (up to 270) per station has caused some delays in labeling, processing and shipping of the samples. In one case, this may have compromised the sampling holding time, but only for a minor parameter (surfactants). The OSC has directed the START contractor to mobilize additional personnel (11) to improve the efficiency of both sampling and sample management. These additional personnel will arrive on Monday 1/30/12. The OSC has also requested additional sample management technical support from ERT and the SERAS contractor. While these changes are being implemented, the site team has re-scheduled sampling

for the two homes originally set for Friday afternoon (the two homes scheduled for the morning will be sampled). This postponement will allow the site team to ensure timely shipment and analysis of samples. The previously scheduled sampling will resume on Monday 1/30/12.

- Four homes are being sampled today. At one of the residences, explosive levels of gases were detected in the treatment shed where the sample was being collected. The sampling team opened the door to the shed for ventilation, applied a tube to the spigot and collected the samples from a distance from the tap.
- Site operations were slowed today due to inclement weather (snow in AM, rain in PM).
- CIC Taylor was contacted by several residents today from our original outreach calls.
- Summary of surveys, appointments, sampling follows:

Executive Summary							
	Surveys	Survey	Appointments				
	1/26/2012 Received	followup needed	Scheduled	to be scheduled	Splits with PADEP	Splits with Cabot	Sampling Done
Sampling Categories							
CO&A List (21)	18	3	19	2	2	2	
Historical Sampling (34)	33	1	31	3	0	0	
Added on Criteria (0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unaccounted (11)	1	10	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS (66)	52	14	50	5	2	2	

*Unaccounted category includes homes where phone disconnected, phone calls not returned, sampling status unknown or outside published area - not counted in appointment to be scheduled

Community Outreach (Helen Duteau)

- The Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC) is working with the regional team to draft a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) fact sheet describing the sampling process for residents. CIC continues to assist in locating any contact information for residents.
- The communications team in the region continues to work with Incident Command to draft a communications strategy on how the sampling results will be released and communicated to the residents and public. A preliminary draft strategy is due for internal review on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.
- Alex Mandell (CIC) deployed today to take photographs of EPA's sampling activities on Friday, January 27. The photos will be posted on the EPA website to help document and educate the public on EPA's work.

- The press office confirmed that HQ has approved CNN coming out next week to videotape background film. No interviews will be conducted. During residential sampling, a CIC will coordinate with CNN to suggest an appropriate sampling location.

LEGAL ISSUES (Humane Zia)

Cabot's Counsel:

Humane Zia (ORC) spoke with Cabot's counsel (Amy Barrette and Ken Komoroski - "Fulbright") this afternoon regarding the following:

- **104e Response** - Fulbright reported that they expect to provide further responsive information (all Site data collected by Cabot in the past) in 10-20 cds in the next week.
- **Meeting** - No information yet. Cabot's other law firm ("Bracewell") has been tasked by Cabot to work on some parts of this matter, possibly including setting up the meeting Cabot requested with EPA. Fulbright said that they would prefer that EPA is in possession of all of Cabot's data before having this meeting. Humane agrees this is a good idea.
- **Communications** - ORC (Humane) asked Fulbright to convey to Cabot that technical questions and issues should be directed only to Rich Fetzer and legal issues be directed only to Humane.
- **Data** - Fulbright questioned the specific sources of the data (Cabot, PADEP, residents') EPA relied upon in the Action Memo, i.e. whether the values "actually exist", etc. She is trying to track down for Cabot where each value came from and requested that EPA get back to her on this issue. She asserted that the residents' data contained errors.

Other:

Kate Sinding of the NRDC called to advise that they will be sending a FOIA request for documents provided to/received from PADEP. They have sent a similar request to PADEP.

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